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EXDIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM OAKLEY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:EAID, LA, US

SUBJECT: PL 480 FOOD ASSISTANCE TO LAOS

1. THE SECRETARY TODAY SENT TO THE PRESIDENT A MEMORANDUM RECOMMENDING THAT WE PROVIDE LAOS 10,000 TONS OF RICE TO MEET EMERGENCY FOOD NEEDS WHICH WE JUDGE WILL BECOME CRITICAL ONCE AGAIN IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR, WHEN INTERNATIONAL FOOD AID PLEDGED THUS FAR HAS BEEN USED UP. (A NEWSDAY ARTICLE CITING SLOW ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO THE LAO APPEAL HAD PROMPTED THE PRESIDENT TO RAISE QUESTION LAST NIGHT.) THE MEMORANDUM CONTAINED ESSENTIALLY THE REASONING WITH WHICH YOU ARE FAMILIAR, AND NOTED THE IMPROVED CLIMATE ON THE HILL REGARDING HUMANITARIAN FOOD AID TO LAOS.
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2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HENRY OWEN AND OMB REPRESENTATIVES THIS MORNING IT WAS AGREED THAT OWEN'S PERSONAL MEMO TO THE PRESIDENT (SENT TODAY) WOULD INCLUDE A SECOND RECOMMENDATION THAT WE STATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER FOOD AID TO LAOS BEYOND THE 10,000 TONS LATER THIS YEAR, IF NEED CAN BE ESTABLISHED AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE STATE OF U.S.-

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LPDR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. ASSUMING A FAVORABLE DECISION, TIMING OF CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS WILL DEPEND IN PART ON THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS BILL, WHICH ENTERS DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE ON OR ABOUT JUNE 15. CHRISTOPHER

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